

CITY ALMOST GOES BROKE

Chicago is Slowly Recovering from Craze of Christmas Spending.

HOLIDAY GRAFT WAS IN EVIDENCE

[Special Correspondence]

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The new year's awakening from the "Christmas craze" will be more startling than usual in Chicago because absurd prices have been paid for gifts, prices several times the normal value but accepted blindly by the throngs of buyers. Shoppers from other towns and cities who have used discrimination were astonished at the way the public swallowed the expensive bait, "book, line and sinker." The "average price" of Christmas gifts was far above that of five years ago for the trifles were priced at figures in some stores which disregarded dimes and nickels. Nevertheless the shopping trade did not seem abated, the only result was greater sums spent, bigger bills, bigger deficits in household accounts and bigger profits. Each year the fever of buying has risen, its momentum has become so irresistible that people buy, buy, buy as though prices were of no importance, one report stated. "Consequently things that make attractive Christmas gifts, particularly the minor items, can be and are priced at figures that would be impossible if the rush of shopping was not so tremendous." It is estimated that the Santa Claus habit cost Chicago ten million dollars this year. The number of persons remembered was smaller, if estimates are correct, and the homeless and forlorn were not so generally remembered notwithstanding the splendid efforts of the big daily papers to develop "good fellows" and to attract crowds to the benefit performances at theaters. It has been predicted that the extreme

has been reached and that Christmas buying will have a reaction "as result of a good thing overdone."

The subway proposed to relieve downtown congestion in Chicago, for which two million dollars now is all but available for preliminary work, has aroused the opposition of the merchants and other business interests of outlying districts. They have united in a federation of business organizations to strenuously fight the power of the department stores of the loop which includes the big banks and other allies and to some extent the newspapers. The hostile declare that the subway as proposed will increase the congestion rather than relieve it as it will add the subway crowds to the throngs carried by the elevated and surface car lines. As now routed the subway will not furnish the rapid transit to outlying districts that the subway of New York has done as it is not the plan to construct the underground here further than half a mile from the downtown center. Moreover it is contended that the subway will forever end the possibility of the purchase of the traction properties as provided in the ordinances by which the city had that option as well as 55 per cent of the net earnings of the traction companies. "The 55 per cent should be used for the purpose for which it was intended and for which the people voted and not for a scheme that in all likelihood will never be consummated," the federation of hostile organizations declared. Moreover the subway scheme is declared to be a device to saddle the city with a debt so huge that it never will be paid by the city's share of the traction earnings. In spite of a diversity of interests and jealousies hard to overcome among the organizations Tomaz F. Deuther, who organized the Greater Chicago Federation, has secured a degree of cooperation that is formidable to the subway champions in the city council. The hotbed of resistance was the business district of the northwest side but the leaders of that uprising have imparted their enthusiasm to prominent men, including a number of great wealth, in other parts of the city and even as far south as South Chicago. Either the subway plan will be amended to provide rapid transit or the whole project will be postponed or delayed notwithstanding Mayor Harrison's ardent efforts in its behalf.

Comment of spectators who for the

first time see the ten packers in Judge Carpenter's court almost invariably is: "Big men, aren't they?" Nearly all of the ten are six feet or over, strapping big men, broad shouldered and stalwart. The trial has attracted hundreds of persons by curiosity for Armour, Swift and Morris and the others are not much better known to Chicago people in general than to the rest of the country. James H. Forgan and Marvin Huggitt are generally recognized as they swing along Dearborn street or La Salle to their offices but the packers' days are largely spent at their offices at the stockyards and consequently they are commonly thought of as men in other cities as the "big" barons of the cartoons. All of the men served as apprentices in overalls and jumpers learning the business. J. Ogden Armour is said to have learned each branch of the meat business by working at it, from the cattle skinning to lard refining. For their splendid physique Louis F. Swift and Arthur Meeker would be eagerly accepted for the "giant squad" of any crack regiment, both being a head taller than John S. Miller, chief of counsel, who is a tall man himself, one over six feet tall. At the stockyards all of the men are well known and have maintained a democratic familiarity with scores of old timers by many of whom they still are called by their first names or initials. In the court room, watched and studied by the spectators as though on show, the packers plainly show the irascibility of their situation. They follow their attorneys intently but plainly are not at ease when not at work.

The ban against tipping which is to go into effect January 1 throughout the United States gained momentum by a decision by Judge Pettit in Chicago that hotels and restaurants are in a class with pickpockets and thieves when they turn out the privilege of exacting tips from their patrons by means of check room and cash room graft. Judge Pettit ruled that collecting tips was begging and a violation of the city ordinance. Consequently persons engaged in getting tips could not demand redress in the courts, a phase of the ruling which was a blow to a check room magnate who claimed a violation of a contract. Lawyers for the tip collectors protested that nobody is asked to give. "One is compelled to give just the same," answered the jurist. "Nothing less than a galling gun would permit a patron of those places where the tip trust is in operation to escape without giving a tip." Proof of Judge Pettit's statement was found in the fact that one check room magnate pays as high as \$10,000 a year to certain hotels and cafes for the privilege of the daily hand-up for services which the proprietors were expected to render gratuitously in the days when prices on the bills of fare were only a fraction as great and the business far less profitable. Waiters in all the hotels and cafes say they would be glad to see the day arrive when their wages were not merely nominal and when their living was not chiefly made from tips.

Fire prevention to stop an annual fire loss of over five million dollars in Chicago is likely to be given a trial although the finance committee has appropriated only \$25,000 for the expenses of the "fire prevention bureau." Putting out fires has become too expensive. The plan proposed will give the chief of the fire department an authority which will enable him to save life and property by requirements known to be effective and necessary, but which under the present system the fire chief and his inspectors are powerless to insist upon. The finance committee has ascertained that practically 87 1/2 per cent of the fire losses in the United States are preventable. Judging by the European record of fire losses, Berlin with a population of 3,000,000 as compared with the 2,225,000 in Chicago averages a fire loss of \$150,000 a year in comparison with over \$5,000,000 in Chicago. Notwithstanding the holocaust at the stockyards in which Fire Marshal Homan and his men were victims of inadequate water pressure the city has not remedied that lack although the budget of the water committee now includes an expenditure of \$319,000 for the stockyards district. All European cities observe strict measures for fire prevention the result of which is seen in an average per capita fire loss in Germany, France,

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The following is the record of realty transfers in the office of the county recorder yesterday, as reported by the Arizona Abstract & Title Co., 134 West Washington street.

Bartlett & Heard L. & C. Co. to John L. Burcham, deed to north-east quarter of south-east quarter and strip section 29, township 1 north, range 2 east.

Hattie A. McDowell to Samuel Bland, deed to lot 9, Sunderland subdivision Churchill.

Julia E. Watt and husband to R. W. Leach, et al, deed to lot 10, block 1, Kensington place.

Panama-California Exposition News of San Diego. A booster magazine for the great southwest including Phoenix. Sold at Hineley's store. Price 10c. 136 Central Ave., north.

Finances and Markets

[Associated Press Dispatch]

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Few points of decided strength appeared in today's stock market and the movement as a whole was not large. During the first part of the day many standard stocks showed the effects of pressure exerted by the bears in expectation of a continuance of the decline of yesterday. The list developed increased strength as the day progressed. Stocks which showed pronounced strength were issues which seldom take a prominent part in trading. Rock Island, pfd. rose three points and New York Central nearly as much. The advance in the latter came as a result of expected advantages to accrue because of the forthcoming consolidation of the parent body with controlled lines. Mackay company's was decidedly weak, although it recovered most of the 4 1/2 point loss before the day closed. The condition of the money market was of unusual interest owing to the fact that this is the last trading day. There was no hint of a year's flurry which is often experienced. Call money remained at 4 as compared with 7 last year at this time. In Berlin from 12 to 20 per cent was paid. The week's movement points to a cash gain for local banks of \$1,375,000. The condition being almost unprecedented at this period of the year. Virtually all money comes from the interior having been deposited here in expectation of stiffer money rates at the close of the week or early the coming year. Bonds irregular. Total sales, par value, \$3,641,000. Government four coupons declined 1-4 on call.

STOCKS.
Amalgamated, 65 3-8; Smelting 72 1-4; Atchison, 106; St. Paul, 108 1/2; New York Central, 107 3-4; Penn'a, 122 3-4; Reading, 151; So. Pac., 111 1-4; U. P., 171; Steel, 67; do. pfd., 116 3-4.
Silver, 54 3-8c.

METALS.
Standard copper was easy, spot, futures, \$13.75@14.00. London weak; the close being somewhat firmer. Local sales today, 25 tons for January at \$13.90 and 25 tons for February, \$13.90; 50 tons April at \$13.90; 25 tons May, at \$13.90. Arrivals today, 865 tons; exports this month, 20,752. Lake copper unchanged. Lead quiet, \$4.00@4.50 for New York 10c less for East St. Louis delivery.

The last rail has been laid on the Laramie, Hahn-Park & Pacific main line from its connection with the Union Pacific at Laramie, Wyo., to the coal fields of northern Colorado. The road has been under construction twelve years through the backbone of the Rockies, and cost \$4,500,000.

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